

THE LEGISLATURE.

Both Houses were again without a quorum yesterday, and probably will be until Monday or Tuesday next—making a vacation of ten or twelve days for Christmas.

In the Senate, yesterday, on a call being ordered, the following Senators answered to their names, viz: Messrs. BELL, BOWLEY, CARRISON, DAVIS, HAYMON, NAYLOR, NELSON, ROGERS, and the Speaker, Mr. POLK—a total of nine, while seventeen are necessary for a quorum.

In the House, a still greater comparative deficiency was noted.

THE HOUSE.

The House adjourned on the death of the Hon. BROOKS CAMPBELL, Representative in Congress from the first Congressional District in this State. Mr. CAMPBELL has been often a member of the Legislature, and was once Speaker of the House.

Very few men possessed more influence in the councils of the State, and the State could lose few men whose loss would be more deeply regretted.

THE SENATE.

We have inadvertently failed to notice the change in the editorial and publishing department of this able temperance organ.

Mr. LAXTON, who conducted it with much ability during the past year, has disposed of his interest in the same to our young fellow-citizen, W. G. BATES, Esq., who will in future preside over its editorial columns.

Mr. BATES is a young gentleman of talents, and has been closely identified with the temperance reformation for years past. He will doubtless keep up the reputation of the "Sentinel" as an able champion of a good cause. We wish him abundant success.

HON. JERRE CLEMENS' LETTER.

We stated the other day that Hon. JERRE CLEMENS, of Alabama, had written a letter to certain gentlemen in Philadelphia, in answer to an invitation to be present and address a mass meeting of Union Democrats, which was to have been held on Monday the 19th inst. Whether the meeting was held on that day or not, we have not learned; but certain it is that Mr. CLEMENS gave the projectors of it the cold both in his reply, which we copy below. Mr. CLEMENS' above suspicion, and what he says, therefore, to these latter-day "Union Savers" of Philadelphia and New York is entitled to great weight.

It will doubtless open the eyes of many who have been inclined to look with charity upon the movements of these disorganizers, believing them to be honest and patriotic. Mr. CLEMENS evidently regards them as a set of renegades and disappointed speculators, who have seized upon the name of "Union Democrats," but to prostitute it to the most sordid and selfish purposes. As a true Union man he can have no sympathy with such traitors and hypocrites. As a man of sense, he cannot fail to see that the only effect of their present croakings and malitious proceedings will be to bring into disrepute the efforts and opinions of honest men in times of real danger. There is no danger now, and Mr. CLEMENS knows it. The South—well informed as to what her rights are and resolved to defend them whenever really in danger—sees no good grounds for alarm in the present attitude of things. Satisfied with the President—satisfied with the truly national spirit which breathed through every line of his inaugural and characteristic every paragraph of his first annual message, the two great documents to which the country must look for a faithful exposition of the sentiments of its chief—satisfied, too, with the men who have been selected as his constitutional advisers—the South makes no complaint that her rights are in danger, and calls for no combinations to break down the administration of her choice. This cry of danger to the Union and the compromise comes from northern, not from southern men. It comes, too, as is notorious, from men who are chained and mortified because the best officers of the government have not been given to them and their friends, without regard to personal qualifications or legal rights. It would be singular, indeed, if a man of Mr. CLEMENS' talents and observation could be, under such circumstances, selected into opposition to the administration and fellowship with the self-styled "Union-savers" about Philadelphia and New York.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, 1853.

GENTLEMEN: Your letter of the 10th inst., inviting me to attend the meeting of the National Union Democrats, at the Chinese Museum, Philadelphia, on the 19th inst., has been received. The objects of the meeting are stated to be twofold: first, "repudiation of the disunion tendencies of certain members of the Federal Government; and, secondly, the selection of a sound national Union Democrat as a candidate for Governor."

With the last I must positively refuse to comply with an attempt to make me a candidate for Governor. I am not a candidate for Governor, and I am not a candidate for Governor.

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GOV. JOHNSON'S MESSAGE.

The Nashville correspondent of the *Murfreesboro' Telegraph* (which dislikes the portion of the Governor's message which relates to amendments to the constitution of the United States, but approves of much besides. We copy some of his observations below:

The long expected message of His Excellency, Gov. JOHNSON, was laid before the General Assembly last Monday.

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